PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket No. **INE-0061USD3** (Small Entity) In Re Application Of: Oleg Shikhman Customer No. Group Art Unit Confirmation No. Examiner Application No. Filing Date 4709 3731 23413 Kathleen C. Sonnett 10/726,031 December 1, 2003 Invention: SUTURE LOADING ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>December 3, 2008</u> in the above-identified application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Five months ☐ Four months ☐ Two months □ Three months ☐ One month until: June 3, 2009 March 3, 2009 from: Date Date Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 and is to be paid as follows: The fee for the extension of time is \$555 ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Mark The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 061130 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 061130 ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: June 3, 2009 /H.M. Bedingfield/ Signature H.M. Bedingfield I certify that this correspondence is being deposited Registration No: 44,530 with the United States Postal Service with sufficient Cantor Colburn LLP postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the 20 Church Street, 22nd Floor "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA Hartford, CT 06103 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on Phone: 860-286-2929 (Date) Fax: 860-286-0115 Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

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